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Council steps up manager quest

Search concerns added to week's agenda; five finalists ID'd.

By Elizabeth Findell
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After a hectic week of going on the lam in vans to give the slip to reporters trying to unmask city manager candidates in town for interviews, the Austin City Council will discuss the next steps of the search process next week.

The city added items concerning the city manager search to the agendas for both the council's Tuesday work session and Thursday meeting. That conversation could discuss how to move forward and how to involve a citizen task force expected to interview finalists, Mayor Steve Adler and Council Member Kathie Tovo said Friday.

Despite Austin's secrecy, the American-Statesman has confirmed five finalists from five states, all career public servants, with several others still unknown.

The Statesman has sued the city of Austin for refusing to provide records of the candidates requested under the Texas Public Information Act, and for abruptly relocating the Thursday public meeting from its posted location, the Hilton Austin Airport, to a room in the airport itself, behind federal security checkpoints.

Council members took the extreme

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EYES ON GOVERNMENT
Statesman City Hall reporters Elizabeth Findell and Philip Jankowski have requested public records, shown up outside the City Council's closed-door sessions and mined other sources to give the public a window into a city manager search process that officials have tried to keep secret. Find their extensive coverage with this story on **mystatesman.com.**

HOUSTON ASTROS PARADE

Champion Astros celebrate amid confetti, adoring fans

Houston Astros players Josh Reddick (from left), Carlos Correa and George Springer stand next to the World Series trophy at a rally to honor the champions after their victory parade Friday in Houston. Tens of thousands of fans stood more than 10 rows deep during the parade. **Story, C1.** DAVID J. PHILLIP / ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERGDAHL SENTENCING

No prison for Bergdahl; Trump upset

Deserter dishonorably discharged; Trump calls sentence a 'disgrace.'

Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl deserted in 2009 and was held by the Taliban for five years.

By Jonathan Drew
Associated Press

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who walked away from his post in Afghanistan and triggered a search that left some of his comrades severely wounded, was spared a prison sentence by a military judge Friday in what President Donald Trump blasted as a "complete and total disgrace."

The judge gave no explanation of how he arrived at his decision, but he reviewed evidence that included the five years Bergdahl was held captive by the Taliban and the wounds suffered by troops who searched for him, including one who now uses a wheelchair and cannot speak.

The case was politically divisive. President Barack Obama traded Taliban prisoners to bring Bergdahl back, drawing sharp Republican criticism. As a presidential candidate, Trump called for the soldier to face stiff punishment. He could have received up to life

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LEANDER TEXAS BULLION DEPOSITORY

Leander chosen for gold depository

City will have nation's first state-run storehouse for the precious metal.

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The city of Leander might be experiencing a gold rush soon. It has been chosen as the site of the nation's first state-administered gold depository, according to the Texas comptroller's office.

The Texas Bullion Depository will store gold for citizens, institutions, businesses and the state once it opens in late 2018 or early 2019. To operate the facility, the comptroller's office chose Austin-based Lone Star Tangible Assets, which will receive incentives from Leander.

"I am pleased that LSTA and the city of Leander have reached an agreement to make this historic facility a reality for the people of Texas," state Comptroller Glenn Hegar said in a statement Friday.

"This state-of-the-art facility will provide tremendous benefits to the citizens of Leander and will give Texans a secure facility right here in the Lone Star State where their gold and precious metals will be kept safe and close at hand," Hegar said

In 2015, Gov. Greg Abbott signed a proposal into law creating the Texas Bullion Depository, saying it would help bring back state-owned gold bullion from New York to Texas.

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IMMIGRANT ABORTION

Justice attorneys reignite fight over teen's abortion

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Nine days after the Central American immigrant known as Jane Doe received her court-granted abortion in Texas, U.S. Justice Department lawyers asked the Supreme Court to intervene, arguing that they hadn't filed an appeal on time because they had been misled by the teen's lawyers.

Government lawyers also suggested Friday that Doe's attorneys with the American Civil Liberties Union should be disciplined for lying and withholding information about the timing of Doe's abortion in an attempt "to thwart this court's review."

The 17-year-old, in federal custody after crossing the border illegally, got an abortion Oct. 25 – one day after the Trump adminis-

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Climate change report details grim scenarios
The White House allowed the assessment to come out despite its conclusions being at odds with its opinions, policies.

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Trump leaves for Asia as war clouds gather
President heads for a region on edge as the unthinkable — war with a nuclear-armed North Korea — looks like real possibility.

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